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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AINF, PINT, TW  
SUBJECT: GAO REQUEST FOR EMBASSY AND STATE MESSAGES

REFS: A. TAIPEI 4536  
B. TAIPEI 5320

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER RELEASE OF TAIPEI 4536. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT IF APPROPRIATE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS ARE ESTABLISHED, DEPARTMENT PROBABLY ULTIMATELY WOULD NOT WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS FROM GAO WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO ITS INQUIRY WHEN ACTING AS AGENT OF CONGRESS. IN CASE OF FORMAL GAO REQUEST FOR MATERIAL RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FAA, WITHHOLDING OF MATERIAL CAN ONLY BE AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT. BASED ON PRECEDENTS, WE COULD NOT EXPECT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO WITHHOLD EXCEPT FOR DOCUMENTS DISCUSSING OR SUGGESTING POLICY OPTIONS NOT YET APPROVED (AS DISTINGUISHED, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM FACTUAL REPORTING), OR DOCUMENTS REPORTING PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE  
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DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

2. IN PRACTICE, DEPARTMENT HAS USUALLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING FOR GAO TO HAVE INFORMATION NECESSARY AND PERTINENT TO ITS INQUIRY WITHOUT CONFRONTATION. GAO HAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO AVOID RELEASING COPIES OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS, SO LONG AS GAO CAN OTHERWISE OBTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT

ALSO IS NOT OBLIGED TO GIVE GAO MATERIAL NOT RELEVANT TO SUBJECT OF GAO INQUIRY WITHIN ITS INVESTIGATIVE OR AUDIT AUTHORITY.

3. IN OUR OPINION PARAGRAPH 2, AS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF U.S. OBSERVATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN STATE, IS THE MOST SENSITIVE PORTION OF REF A. WE CONSIDER KUAN'S COMMENTS, AS REPORTED IN PARA 1, SO GUARDED AS TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE SENSITIVITY WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE ATTACHED TO AN OFFICIAL CONVERSATION.

4. WE HOPE TO NEGOTIATE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT SENIOR GAO OFFICIALS TO READ THE FULL TEXT OF TAIPEL 4536, BUT WOULD DELETE PARAGRAPH 2 FROM THE VERSION DELIVERED TO GAO.

5. AS FINAL POINTS, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE DECLASSIFYING INFO SHOWN OR GIVEN TO GAO, AND WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY

TO EXAMINE GAO REPORT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. IF GAO WISHES TO PUBLISH NORMAL UNCLASSIFIED REPORT, INFO WILL BE OF LIMITED UTILITY TO THEM.

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